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In re Application of REIMERS
U.S. Application No.: 10/536,758
PCT Application No.: PCT/NO03/00390
Int. Filing Date: 20 November 2003
Priority Date Claimed: 20 November 2002
Attorney Docket No.: 966917/00009
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
ACTIVATION OF A DETONATOR

DECISION

This is in response to applicant's "Petition to Correct Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182" filed 22 June 2005, which is being treated under 37 CFR 1.181.

BACKGROUND

On 20 November 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/NO03/00390, which claimed priority of an earlier Norway application filed 20 November 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 02 December 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 20 May 2005.

On 20 May 2005, applicant purportedly filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).

On 22 June 2005, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

DISCUSSION

The evidence of record is sufficient to establish that the national stage papers were originally filed on 20 May 2005. Specifically, the copy of the return postcard, which includes the national stage papers in its itemized contents and which bears a USPTO date stamp of 20 May 2005, serves as *prima facie* evidence that the national stage papers were received by the USPTO on 20 May 2005.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision, including preparation and mailing of a Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.



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